# **Investigating Youth Disability Supports**



Project Title	Investigating Youth Disability Supports
Project Summary	Research and document the health care, educational, and social service supports available to support adolescents and young adults living with physical and emotional/mental health disabilities in the US.
Country	United States
Agency	Health and Human Services Department
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

## **Project Description**

Conduct research into the health care, educational and social service supports currently available to support adolescents and young adults (ages 10-24) who are living with the challenges of physical and emotional/mental health disabilities with the transition to independent living. This will include an assessment of existing federal agencies and federal programs, creating a matrix of major non-profit organizations and foundations working in the field of youth disability, interviews with experts, identification of gaps in services and funding, and recommendations for needed programs and services. Present findings in the form of a short paper, webinar or PowerPoint presentation.

### **Desired Skills Interests**

Skill
Editing
Research
writing
Critical Thinking

#### **Additional Information**

This position will report to the Division Director, Division of Policy, Planning and Communications, Office of Adolescent Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. The Office of Adolescent Health is responsible for administering the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, the Pregnancy Assistance Fund Program, and Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow (TAG), a national call to action to promote adolescent health in the US. Information about the Office of Adolescent Health is available at http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah. This project provides an exciting opportunity for a virtual student intern to influence policy and programming.

### **Language Requirements**

None